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News photo exposition opens at Biblioteca Nacional



Janchi Tromp

Veteran news photographer Leo Vrolijk conceptualized in 2008 an exposition to honor Aruba's photojournalists titled "Lens di mi Wowonan" (Lens of My Eyes) and this year Aruba's National Library is honored to host the exposition in their archive department located on Bachstraat in the Mon Plaisir section of Oranjs-

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Janchi cuts the ribbon with assist from Daughter Vicki and Leo Vrolijk



Gift album for Janchi

A gala opening of the this third year in revue was conducted in the gardens on Monday evening; the collection boasts 33 participating photographers contributing 198 images capturing exciting moments in sports, politics, special events and incidents that have touched the hearts and minds of the public.

This year's exposition is dedicated to a pioneer of photojournalism on Aruba, Janchi Tromp, who was proud to receive a special souvenir book of the photos on display, and had the honor of cutting the ribbon with exposition curator Leo Vrolijk and Janchi's daughter, Vickie. Janchi chronicled the life of Aruba for decades, principally in black and white. He captured for posterity a very young nation in development, and the simple life of the island people before tourism became the foundation of the economy. He has been recognized by nearly every sports federation on the island for his dedication to recording great moments in the lives of island athletes. One entire wall of the collection is a retrospect of his work.

Editor of the local daily paper Awe Mainta, Toko Winkler, a reporter and editor of long standing, acted as MC for the evening, recalling a number of humorous anecdotes of



Leo Vrolijk (3rd from right) and Pierre Rafini of RBTT (at right) with Janchi Tromp and

the early days working alongside Janchi. Stan Kuiperi, who is spearheading a government initiative to bring cultural projects to Aruba's various neighborhoods, conducted a PowerPoint tour through the Newseum located on Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, DC. Minister of Integration, Infrastructure and Environment, Oslin Benito Sevinger expressed to the gathering the desire of the present adminis-

tration of Prime Minister Mike Eman to see such a media center on Aruba, as well.

The past year has been an exciting one for Aruba; a change of government, young local athletes achieving world championships, a landmark birthday for the island's "Father of Culture," and a film festival attracting international cinema luminaries created many opportunities for memorable photographs. A number

of the pictures on display are lovely representations of Aruba's tropical flora and fauna, providing a wellrounded and varied viewing experience for visitors.

"Lens di mi Wowonan" officially opens to the public today for one month. For opening hours and directions to the library archive building, readers may call 582-1580.

by Rosalie Klein

The press is essential in developing a country.

The press is of great importance for a democracy to function. The press educates, informs and develops a population.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

WEB would like to thank the press for their contribution to the development of Aruba.





US coast braces for 'large and intense' Hurricane Earl

MIAMI, Florida (AFP) – Hurricane Earl churned toward the US mainland yesterday, posing a threat to a big beach holiday weekend over a vast section of the eastern seaboard after pummeling several Caribbean islands with heavy winds and rain.

A hurricane watch was issued for the North Carolina coast, the National Hurricane Center said, calling Earl a "large and intense" storm.

Earl remained a strong category four hurricane with fierce winds of up to 135 miles (215 kilometers) an hour, moving to the northwest at 14 miles (22 kilometers) per hour).

It was centered 150 miles (245 kilometers) east of Grand Turk Island on the Turks and

Caicos and 1,000 miles (1,605 kilometers) southeast of Cape Hatteras, North Carolina.

A hurricane watch, which means there is potential for hurricane-force winds to hit the area, was posted for an area from Surf City to Duck in North Carolina.

Tropical Storm Fiona is barely maintaining tropical storm strength as it churns west-northwest behind Hurricane Earl. Fiona was located about 270 miles east of the Leeward Islands. The system had maximum sustained winds of 40 mph was moving to the west-northwest near 24 mph.

The center of Fiona is expected to pass near or just northeast of the northern Leeward Islands early today.



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ETHICS OF JOURNALISM

Paragraph from a speech by
Ezequiel P. Paz, Editor and Publisher of "La Prensa" of Buenos Aires
on the fifty-sixth anniversary of "La Prensa,"

October 18, 1925

To give information with exactness and truth; not to omit anything that the public has a right to know; to use always an impersonal and correct form without prejudice to rigorous and forceful critical thought; to exclude rumors, those statements that take refuge behind phrases such as "it is said" or "we are assured," and to affirm only that which has become a conviction based on proofs and documents; to consider that the lack of an item of news is preferable to its erroneous or unjustified publication; to take care that the personal opinion of the writer be not expressed, because that would be equivalent to commenting on the news, and the reporter must not invade the field reserved to other sections of the newspaper; to remember, before writing, how powerful is the instrument that the writer is using and that the harm caused to an official or private person can never be completely repaired by an explanation or a rectification, in however gentlemanly spirit this may be given; to keep to serene and elevated ground in debate and not to affirm anything today that we may have to modify tomorrow; and, finally, to inscribe in letters of gold in a prominent place, always in sight on your work tables, the words of Walter Williams, that outstanding North American servant of the press:

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Adopted as their code by the delegates to the First Pan American Congress of Journalists, April 7-13, 1926 Affirmed as their creed by the Inter-American Press Association at the Sixth General Assembly, October 12, 1050

Chile mine owners beg forgiveness for miners' plight

COPIAPO, Chile (AFP) – The owners of a Chilean mine which collapsed early this month, trapping 33 men underground, asked forgiveness yesterday for the accident, as a giant drill slowly bored through the earth to rescue the miners.

"The pain caused by this unwanted and unforeseen situation means we must ask forgiveness for the anguish being felt at this time," Alejandro Bohn, co-chief of the mining group San Esteban, told a parliamentary mining committee looking into the drama.

"This is a terrible situation, and we hope that it will soon come to a happy end," he added in televised remarks.

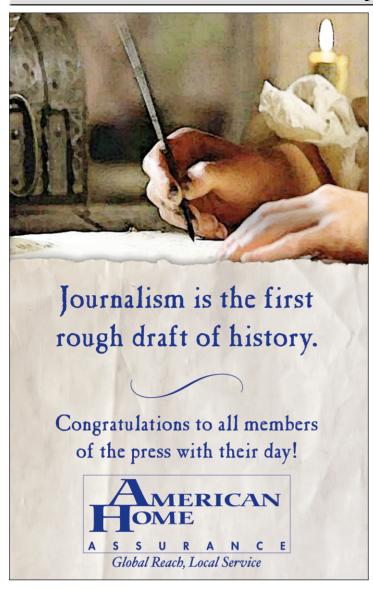
Rescuers say it will take three to four months for the 30-ton hydraulic drill to chew through the 700 meters (2,300 feet) of rock entombing the miners, who were trapped by a cave-in 26 days ago on August 5

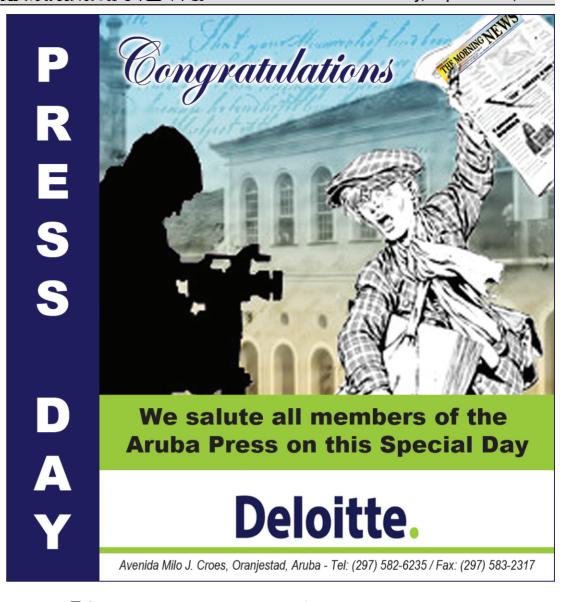
The machine, an Australian-made Strata 950, had a maximum excavation rate of 15-20 meters (50-65 feet) a day. It will first bore a 33-centimeter (13-inch) pilot hole, then make that twice as wide so the men can be pulled up through it, one by one.

The miners will have to work, too, clearing away tons of debris as it falls into the gallery below where they are sheltering, officials said.

One of the engineers overseeing the rescue told AFP late yesterday the drill had burrowed down just five meters so far, because the initial phase required "high precision" to get the trajectory right.

Chilean President Sebastian Pinera said the operation was well under way and his government "has done and will continue to do everything humanly possible to rescue them alive." He added that another bore was on its way to expand one of three fist-sized holes already drilled to drop supplies the men, as a back-up plan in case the Strata 950 encountered problems.





'Closing of 'Campaña di Las Vegas' - Las Vegas campaign 2010









American Home Insurance is pleased to announce the closure of its tremendous Las Vegas campaign for new insurances, which was started in March, 2010.

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Myra commented she would have loved to win the grand prize to Las Vegas while Dominico said that he never really won anything throughout his life and now he received a laptop of which his family will make a good

American Home Assur-

ance Company, Managing Director Prakash Gupta, expressed his thanks for clients, brokers and members of the press who supported the tremendous campaign. He also thanked all staff members for working hard during the campaign to make it popular and for keeping constant rapport with all clients and brokers.

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Dutch hold two over suspected 'terrorist' plot

AMSTERDAM, The Netherlands (AFP) – Dutch prosecutors yesterday said two Yemenis arrested in Amsterdam after a flight from Chicago faced possible terrorism charges but US authorities warned against "jumping to any conclusions." The two men were arrested at Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport on Monday after US authorities found a mobile phone taped to a bottle in their luggage.

As a Dutch judge was set to weigh in on the case, the US Department of Homeland Security struck a cautious note, amid signs the incident may have been a misunderstanding.

"This matter is under investigation but as of right now, these two passengers have not been charged with any crime in the United States and we caution you against jumping to any conclusions," the Homeland Security department said in a statement.

A spokesman for the Dutch prosecutors, said the men were being held "on suspicion of a conspiracy to a terrorist criminal act." A judge will decide by late tomorow whether to charge the pair or release them.

The two men were arrested

by Dutch border police shortly after their arrival at Schiphol at 9:15 am Monday on a flight from Chicago. US media identified the men as Ahmed Mohamed Nasser al-Soofi, of Detroit, Michigan, and Hezam al-Murisi.

The men, of Yemeni nationality, were due to proceed to the Yemeni capital Sanaa.

US authorities initially had raised concerns because luggage with unusual items belonging to one of the suspects, Ahmed Mohamed Nasser al-Soofi, ended up on a plane bound for Dulles airport outside Washington, even though Soofi was not aboard the aircraft and instead flew to Amsterdam.

But FBI officials said that both men had missed their connecting flight in Chicago, which was bound for Washington, and that could explain how Soofi's luggage was placed aboard the plane.He was also carrying 7,000 dollars in cash.

FBI officials said there was no sign that the two men knew each other. Both were in the United States "legally" and were not on any US government terrorist watch list.



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Keep up the good work!

HEALTH - LIVING

Fruits, vegetables cut cancer risk for smokers: study



WASHINGTON (AFP) Eating a variety of fruits and vegetables may decrease the risk of some kinds of lung cancer for smokers, according to a study released Mon-

day.
"Although quitting smoking is the most important preventive action in reducing lung cancer risk, consuming a mix of different types of fruit and vegetables may also reduce risk, independent of amount, especially among smokers," said H. Bas Bueno-de-Mesquita of the Netherlands-based National Institute for Public Health and the Environment.

The study published in Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers & Prevention, a journal of the American Association for Cancer Research, was based on research involving more than 450,000 people in Europe, including 1,600 who were diagnosed with lung cancer.

The researchers said the variety of fruits and vegetables appeared to be more important than the quantity. They studied 14 commonly eaten fruits and 26 vegetables including fresh, canned or dried products.

"Fruits and vegetables contain many different bioactive compounds, and it makes sense to assume that it is important that you not only eat the recommended amounts,

but also consume a rich mix of these bioactive compounds by consuming a large variety," Bueno-de-Mesquita said.

The risk of squamous cell carcinoma decreased substantially when a variety of fruits and vegetables were eaten, the study concluded.

While previous research has shown the influence of the quantity of fruits and vegetables on cancer develop-Stephen Hecht, editorial board member for Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers & Prevention, said this is one of the first to evaluate diversity of fruit and vegetable consumption, rather than quantity.

"The results are very interesting and demonstrate a protective effect in smokers," he said.

"There are still over a billion smokers in the world, and many are addicted to nicotine and cannot stop in spite of their best efforts," said Hecht, who is a faculty member at the University of Minnesota.

Hecht said that tobacco smoke contains a complex mixture of cancer-causing agents and that a mixture of protective agents is needed to have any beneficial effect in reducing the risk of lung can-

"Nevertheless, the public should be made aware and be

reminded that the only proven way to reduce your risk for lung cancer is to avoid tobacco in all its forms," he said.

Walking could cut 10,000 cancer cases

Around 10,000 cases of breast and bowel cancer could be avoided every year in Britain if people did a bit more brisk walking, the World Cancer Research Fund said.

Health experts have long recommended people stay physically active to maintain a healthy weight and thus reduce their risk of

all cancers. Physical activity is believed to reduce cancer risk in ways such as impacting hormone levels.

The research fund's scientists estimated that about 4,600 bowel cancer cases and 5,000 breast cancer cases could be prevented in the UK alone if people engaged in moderate activities that made their hearts beat faster, such as by walking. Around a halfhour of such activity every day would help, the fund said in a statement.

"These figures also show you do not have to go to the gym every day to benefit," Dr Rachel Thompson, deputy head of science for

the research fund, said in the statement. "By taking up walking as a hobby or even walking to the shops instead of taking the bus or car, ple can make a real difference to their health."

Obesity a big cause of

The American Cancer Society has said that physical activity is thought to reduce the risk of breast and prostate cancer by regulating hormone levels.



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Personal Music Players damage hearing over time



Personal music players may pose a major risk to hearing if they're played too loudly or for too long, researchers report.

The 24-year study included 8,710 girls from poorer families, average age 16, whose hearing was tested when they entered a residential facility in the northeastern region of the United States. Between 1985 and 2008, high-frequency hearing loss -- a common result of excessive noise exposure -among the girls nearly doubled, from 10.1 percent to 19.2 percent.

Between 2001 and 2008, personal music player use among the girls rose fourfold, from 18.3 percent to 76.4 percent. During that same period, high-frequency hearing loss increased from 12.4 percent to 19.2 percent, and the proportion girls with tinni-(ringing, buzzing or hissing in the ears) nearly tripled, from 4.6 percent to 12.5 percent, the investigators found.

Girls who listened to personal music devices were 80

percent more likely to have impaired hearing than those who didn't use the devices, the study authors reported. Of the teens with tinnitus, 99.7 percent used the devices.

However, while the findings show an association between personal music players and hearing problems, it doesn't show causeand-effect, noted study author Abbey Berg, a professor in the biology and health sciences department at Pace University in New York City.

The findings, indicate the need to improve efforts to educate young people about safe use of personal music players, Berg suggested.

"You have to target them at a much younger age, when they are liable to be more receptive," she said.



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The Newfound Fatigue Fighter: Hunger

Pulling a late-nighter? You might not want to reach for the sugary snacks to keep you awake. A new study involving fruit flies suggests the sleep-deprived mind is kept alert by hunger.

The study, published Tuesday in the journal PLoS Biology, examined the effects of starvation on fruit flies that had been genetically engineered to be sensitive to sleep deprivation. Sleepy flies deprived of food stayed awake longer than sleepy flies that got meals. The starving flies also lived longer.

"From an evolutionary perspective, this makes sense," said study co-author Matt Thimgan, a Washington University postdoctoral researcher. "If you're starving, you want to make sure you're on the top of your game cognitively, to improve your chances of finding food rather than becoming food for someone else.'

The researchers also found a gene that could explain the fruit fly's ability to resist the effects of sleep loss.

While the study may add

insight into the role of sleep in humans' lives and health, the researchers warned that the findings aren't a recommendation for skipping dinners and staying up all night after all, the sleepy, starving fruit flies eventually died.

To tease out the relationships between sleep, starvation and survival, the researchers deprived fruit flies of both food and sleep. They found that starving fruit flies spent more time awake than satiated flies did. The researchers also tested the flies' saliva for enzymes that signal sleepiness and measured the flies' ability to associate a light with an unpleasant stimulus. Both tests showed that the starving flies were alert, not sleepy.

The starving flies also survived up to 28 hours without sleep, three times longer than the flies with access to food.

The survivors' ability is probably linked to a gene that helps the fruit-fly brain manage the storage and use of fat molecules called lipids, which include cholesterol, the researchers said.





Canon Launches Two New High-End Camcorders

Canon on Tuesday announced two new profeslevel, high-end sional camcorders, the Canon XF105 and XF100. The new models are Canon's smallest professional camcorders to date, and are designed for standalone use and as companions for the XF305 and XF300 camcorders.

As Canon continues to make video a priority, the new models add to its already substantial line of video recording cameras and camcorders.

Each camcorder weighs less than three pounds, a number much more convenient for things like news and mobile filmmaking than some of Canon's other camcorders. They each have a 3.5-inch, 920,000 dot LCD screen with a built-in waveform monitor to help ensure

accurate exposure. Both also have a 10x zoom lens, and shoot with the same XF Codec that Canon's other professional camcorders use.

The two camcorders feature MPEG-2 4:2:2 50Mbps recording, and the ability to shoot in high-definition 3D by pairing two of the camcorders and using built-in software to align the camcorders for optimal shooting. There's also a low-light, infrared feature that Canon says allows HD video to be shot in complete darkness.

Unique to the higher-end XF105 are HD_SDI output and gunlock in/ZMTPE time code terminals. Both can record at multiple bit rates and resolutions, and use variable time rates for shooting in slow and fast motion.

The XF105 and XF100 will both be available in the first quarter of 2011. Pricing was not announced.







Hugo Boss adopts cheapbrand model to follow fashion



FRANKFURT Germany (AFP) - The pricey German fashion group Hugo Boss will use a strategy pioneered by lower-cost brands to get new collections out faster, chief executive Claus-Dietrich Lahrs said in an interview yesterday.

"Shortening the times from collection development to production and delivery to the customer is crucial for our future success," Lahrs told the Finance Times

Boss sought the "speed and reactivity" of popular European retail chains like Zara and H&M, but would maintain its position as a premium brand,

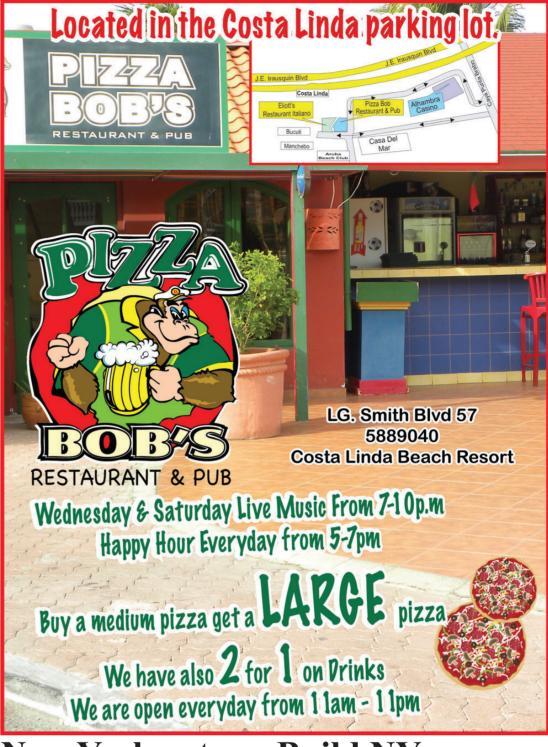
he added.

The German group also wants to increase the number of its stores from about 450 this to 700 by 2015, with a strong focus on China.

The German fashion company, which is majority owned by the Britain-based private equity group Permira, wants to lift sales from 1.6 billion euros (two billion dollars) in 2009 to 2.5 billion euros by 2015.

Just under half the store openings are set for China, where Boss set up a joint venture in July and which will be one of its largest markets in five years.





New York voters: Build NY mosque elsewhere

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) -New York voters overwhelmingly do not want a mosque to be built near the New York City site of the September 11, 2011 terrorist strikes, according to a new poll out yesterday.

By a 71-21 percent margin, those surveyed by Quinnipiac University agreed that the project's backers "should voluntarily build the mosque somewhere else" to accommodate the feelings of relatives of those killed in the attacks.

And 71 percent said that New York State Attorney General Andrew Cuomo should investigate the financing of the project, a community center including a mosque two blocks from "Ground Zero" where the World Trade Center towers once stood.

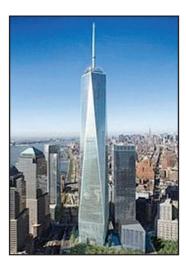
The study, conducted August 23-29, had an error margin of plus or minus 2.5 percentage points.

The survey found New Yorkers agreed by a 54-40 percent margin that "Muslims have the right to build the mosque near Ground Zero" -but also agreed by a 53-39 margin that "because of the sensitivities of 9/11 relatives, Muslims should not be allowed to build the mosque near Ground Zero."

"The heated, sometimes angry, debate over the proposal to build a mosque two blocks from Ground Zero has New York State voters twisted in knots, with some of them taking contradictory positions depending on how the question is asked," said Maurice Carroll, director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute.

The study found that New York City voters generally hold more positive views of Islam than voters elsewhere in the state.

New York City voters say



by a 62-21 percent margin that Islam is a peaceful religion against 49-28 percent among upstate voters and 51-25 percent among suburban voters, according to the poll.

Photo shows an architectural rendering, courtesy of Skidmore, Owings, Merrill LLP, of One World Trade Center as it would look once completed.

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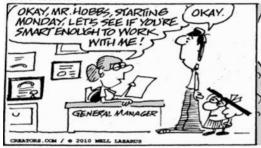








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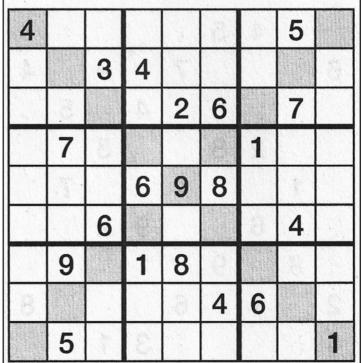
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Finance

Europe targets commodities derivatives trade

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AFP) – Europe yesterday warned of moves to rein in commodity derivatives trading under a French-led drive to tame price distortions for raw materials ranging from oil to grain.

France launched the onslaught, calling on the European Union and the Group of 20 countries to take urgent steps to draft new common rules after a summer of fears about the fallout from soaring grain prices.

Simultaneously, the EU commissioner responsible for writing the rules governing all financial trading, former French foreign and agriculture minister Michel Barnier, said he "shares fully" the concerns in Paris.

Barnier said that the "sometimes brutal" evolution of prices in commodities markets would be tackled in a series of proposals he will table to EU member states and the European parliament next month.

He said derivatives trading in energy, metals and agricultural products needs to be controlled "at a European level and a world level."

Three French ministers said they would raise the issue at a November meeting of the G20 -- which France chairs in 2011 -- in a bid to prevent trading in financial instruments from distorting prices.

They laid out concerns that trading in derivatives could cause sharp distortion and volatility in the prices of raw materials such as foodstuffs and oil.

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer





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US Fed warns economic recovery looks 'sluggish'

WASHINGTON (AFP) – A slew of poor economic data points to a "sluggish" US recovery in the coming months, the Federal Reserve's top committee said in minutes published yesterday.

Although members of the Federal Open Market Committee expected the recovery to pick up pace in 2011, minutes from the August 10 meeting showed all but one member backed a return to some crisis-era measures to stimulate growth.

Faced with tepid news

from the employment and housing sectors and evidence that the recession had been deeper than previously thought, members of the Fed's rate-setting panel warned the short-term outlook remained bleak.

"Real GDP growth was noticeably weaker in the second quarter of 2010 than most had anticipated, and monthly data suggested that the pace of recovery remained sluggish going into the third quarter," the minutes said

"The softer tone of incoming economic data suggested that the pace of the expansion would be slower over the near term than previously projected," the central bank said.

At a meeting in June, the Fed had already revised its growth estimates downward to between 3.0 and 3.5 percent for this year.

Against this backdrop the bank said "all but one member" had agreed on the need to reinvest the proceeds from expiring mortgage backed securities in long-term US Treasury bonds, effectively sustaining crisis-era spending.

But members also sounded an optimistic note, stating that financial conditions "became somewhat more supportive of economic growth."

While growth is expected "to be more modest in the near term, participants continued to anticipate that growth would pick up in 2011."

The Fed in June predicted the economy would grow 3.5 to 4.2 percent next year.

Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest





Managers of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, report that sales are picking up nicely as the global economy begins to recover and those with a bit of disposal income are looking to invest in a sure thing. Gold Coast Directing Manager Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners are barely using the villas or town homes they purchase, but taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of



home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with

real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community; in this area, the value of properties has only increased over time. It is minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy run Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project; the scope and amenities. We talked to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who dreamed of their own home in Aruba will eventually be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional pools decks, one of which has been open for a year, the other will be ready for the holidays 2010. They expect the clubhouse to be ready for the community with a workout room and spectacular facilities by the end of 2011. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the management association's rental service, There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, making it easy for some owners to earn their mortgage payments or others to see an immediate return on their in-

vestment

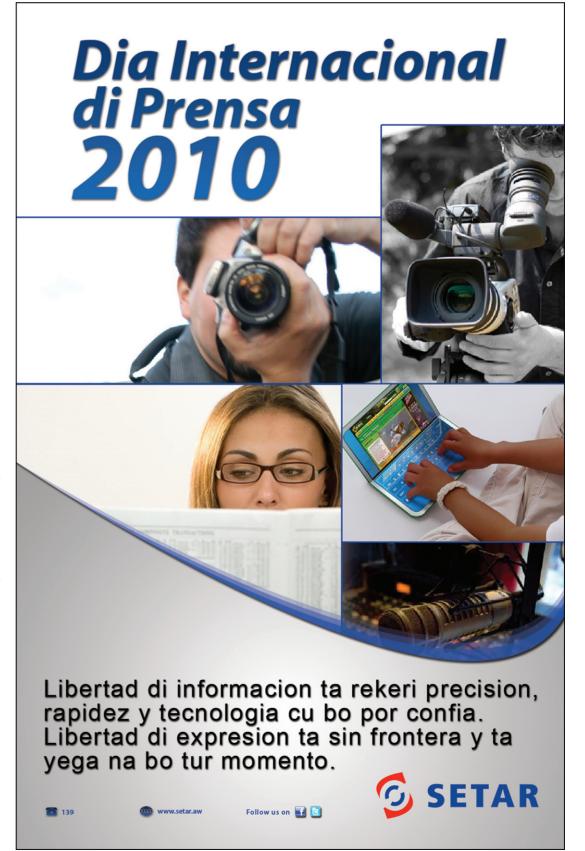
The design of the structures is open, airy and spacious, fully deploying the island environment, with the finest quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options for clients, so buyers can individualize their homes. An elegant and chic standard package is available, or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the

least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast managers have inaugurated a number of in-house services and are now negotiating with Interval International to provide a huge international pool for investors to tap for renters either short or long term. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination will also be available. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales

when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, babysitting and catering services are also available for community members as well as airport pick-up and drop-off and preshopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can all be arranged through their home management department.

Visit their website: www.goldcoastaruba.com for more details and availability or call 586-2200 to arrange a personal tour.





What would life be if we had no courage to attempt anything?



Harry Potter author gives 10 mln pounds to MS clinic

LONDON (AFP) – Writer J.K. Rowling has donated 10 million pounds to set up a new multiple sclerosis (MS) research clinic, the Harry Potter author revealed on Tuesday.

She hopes the clinic, to be based at the University of Edinburgh, will become a world centre for excellence in its field.

The facility will also aim to help researchers find out more about other incurable neurological conditions, such as Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease and motor neurone disease.

The clinic will be named after Rowling's mother Anne, who suffered from MS and died at the age of 45.

The author said the new clinic, which is expected to be completed within a year, will place patients at the heart of the research and treatment process.

Rowling said in a statement: "It is with great pleasure and pride that I am donating 10 million pounds to the Regenerative Neurology Clinic at the University of Edinburgh, which is to be named after my mother, Anne."

"I am incredibly impressed by the calibre of clinicians and researchers that Edinburgh has already managed to attract to make this project a reality, and I truly believe that it is set to become a world centre for excellence in the field of regenerative neurology."

The Anne Rowling Regenerative Neurology Clinic will be based in a purposebuilt facility within the University's Chancellor's Building, next to the city's Royal Infirmary at Little France.

It follows the setting up of the Centre for Multiple Sclerosis Research at the university three years ago, which also received support from the author.

The university said Rowling's 10 million pounds is the single largest donation she has given to a charitable cause. It is also the largest single donation the University has received.



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Europe puts cork in Australian 'Champagne'



BRUSSELS (AFP) – Australian wine-makers must stop using prestigious names such as Champagne, Port or Sherry on their bottles under a major deal with Europe which comes into force on Wednesday.

Under the agreement, Australia will obtain easier access to the 27-nation European Union, a market worth 643 million euros (815 million US dollars) in exports for the country last year.

Australia now has one year to phase out the names of drinks protected under the EU labelling regime based on geographic locations, which forces wine-makers outside France's Champagne region to use different names for sparkling wine.

In return, 117 of Australia's geographical indicators, including Coonawarra, Barossa and Margaret River, will be protected in Europe.

"The agreement is a winwin outcome and achieves a balanced result for European and Australian wine makers," European Agriculture Commissioner Dacian Ciolos said on Tuesday.

"Crucially, we have obtained the commitment that

Australian wine producers will phase out the use of key EU Geographical Indications and traditional expressions for wine. This is of utmost importance for European producers."

EU wine exports to Australia were worth 68 million euros last year, according to the European Commission.

Europeans are striving to protect the names of regional and traditional foods originating from specific regions, such as Parmesan cheese made in Parma, Italy, or Britain's Yorkshire Forced Rhubarb.

The Australian wine industry has already moved away from calling sparkling wines Champagne and there had been no backlash from consumers as a result, according to the government's Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation.

One Australian bubbly has sold for more than 200 Australian dollars (178 US dollars) without having to rely on its former descriptive, the corporation's general manager for trade, Steve Guy, said.

Champagne is made in a specific region of France, Port in Portugal and Sherry in Spain's Jerez region.

Other names Australians will no longer be allowed to use include Burgundy, Chablis, Graves, Manzanilla, Marsala, Moselle, Sauterne and White Burgundy.

Australia will be allowed to use the name Tokay, a sweet white wine from a region in Hungary, for another 10 years.

Under the deal with the EU, Australia will also no longer be able to use traditional expressions such as Amontillado, Claret, and Auslese from September 1, 2011, one year after the agreement comes into force.

The new deal outlines conditions under which Australia will be able to continue to use certain terms for quality wines, including "vintage," "cream" and "tawny," for wines exported to Europe and sold domestically.



Jankovic struggles into second round of US Open tennis



NEW YORK (AFP) – Former world number one Jelena Jankovic, still seeking her first Grand Slam title, struggled past Romania's 96th-ranked Simona Halep 6-4, 4-6, 7-5 on Tuesday to reach the second round of the US Open.

The fourth-seeded Serbian will play 150th-ranked Croa-

tian qualifier Mirjana Lucic in the second round, but the 2008 US Open runner-up nearly suffered her first opening-match exit at a Grand Slam event since the 2005 French Open.

Jankovic, 25, received a spirited fight from an 18-year-old Romanian whose only prior Grand Slam match was a first round loss at this year's French Open.

"For me, first match is always the toughest. She played really well," said Jankovic. "I had to work for every point. I wasn't playing my best tennis. I was able to find a way to get through."

Halep and Jankovic exchanged breaks to open the third set, then traded holds until the ninth game, when Jankovic sent a forehand beyond the baseline to surrender a break, leaving Halep ahead 5-4 and serving for the match.

Jankovic fired a forehand wide on a break point and began talking to herself in frustration, then hit a forehand winner on a second break chance to equalize at 5-5, leaving Halep tapping her racket and slapping her leg in frustration.

Halep surrendered the last game at love and Jankovic escaped her worst US Open showing just a year after a second-round ouster despite 48 unforced errors to 36 for Halep. Each fired 22 winners.

"I made a lot of errors. I just tried to move on and play the best I could," Jankovic said. "You just have to fight and try your best, give your maximum and get through. It gives you a lot more confidence for the next round."

Jankovic, whose only Grand Slam final was her 2008 US Open loss to Serena Williams, and Danish top seed Caroline Wozniacki can move past injured Williams to claim the world number one spot by capturing the US Open title.

Jankovic, 1-3 in US Open tuneups, won her only 2010 title in March on the Indian Wells hardcourts, where she beat Wozniacki in the final.

Wozniacki, who lost to Kim Clijsters in last year's US Open final, begins her quest for the crown late Tuesday against US wild card Chelsey Gullickson.

Chinese eighth seed Li Na was set to play Kateryna Bondarenko and Russian 14th seed Maria Sharapova was to meet Australian Jarmila Groth in other later first-round matches.

Lucic, a 1999 Wimbledon semi-finalist, ousted Australian Alicia Molik 7-6 (7/5), 6-1 for her first Grand Slam victory since the 2002 French Open as she attempts a comeback at age 28 after missing four full seasons.

"I feel fantastic," Lucic said. "I'm so happy. I worked so hard to get here. It's my first US Open in eight years. Feels incredible. It just feels so rewarding."

Lucic won an Australian Open doubles title with Martina Hingis at age 15 to become the youngest Grand Slam champion but years later fled her father with the rest of her family to the United States, saying he physically abused her.





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Tennis veteran Clement downs Baghdatis at US Open

NEW YORK (AFP) – Former Australian Open finalist Marcos Baghdatis saw his US Open hopes dashed as he lost a marathon first-round tie against veteran Frenchman Arnaud Clement 6-3, 2-6, 1-6, 6-4, 7-5 on Tuesday.

6, 6-4, 7-5 on Tuesday.

The 25-year-old Cypriot, whose moment of glory came in early 2006 when he ran Roger Federer close in the final at Melbourne, struggled throughout last year with injuries and loss of motivation.

But a renewal of his ties with former coach Guillaume Peyre has seen a revival in his fortunes this year, starting with the fourth title of his career in Sydney in January.

In preparation for New York, he enjoyed a run into the final in Washington and lost to Federer in the semi-finals at Cincinnati.

In contrast, Clement lost in the first round at both Washington and New Haven and at 32 is seen as a fast-fading force in the game.

But with temperatures soaring well above 90 degrees Fahrenheit (30 degrees Celsius), it was the small Frenchman who set the early pace.

The 16th-seeded Bagh-

datis bounced back by winning the second and third sets, but was taken to a decider as the canny Clement levelled at two sets all.

The Cypriot grabbed an early break, but was pegged back again as Clement drew level at 3-3.

Baghdatis stayed in the match with a gutsy service game at 4-5 down, but two games later, and clearly exasperated by the nagging persistency of Clement, he hit a forehand wide on the third match point against him as his opponent won in three hours 27 minutes.

Another seed to fall was Ernests Gulbis. The maddingly inconsistent Latvian crashed out 6-2, 7-6 (7/1), 6-4 to Jeremy Chardy of France as he once again failed to live up the his best-outsider billing.

The win confirmed Chardy's fine form of late, which included a run into the quarter-finals in Montreal, where he lost to Novak Djokovic. He took a set off Andy Murray the following week in Cincinnati.

Spanish 23rd seed Feliciano Lopez eased past Santiago Giraldo of Colombia

Bradley to head US soccer through to 2014 W.Cup CHICAGO (AFP) – Bob at the 2010 South Afric Bradley is back as head World Cup, beating Algeri

6-4, 6-4, 6-4, while his compatriot, Daniel Gimeno-Traver, joined him in the second round with a 7-6 (7/1), 6-4, 6-3 win over

US Soccer announced Monday it had agreed to a fouryear contract extension with Bradley. Bradley's current contract expires in four months.

In four years he has coached the Americans, Bradley has 38 wins, 20 losses and eight draws.

The USA won one game

at the 2010 South Africa World Cup, beating Algeria 1-0. They were eliminated in the second round, losing to 2-1 to Ghana.

"Bob is honoured to be the US coach," said Bradley's agent Ron Waxman said.

Bradley, who had expressed interest in jobs in the English Premier League, replaced Bruce Arena. Bradley is believed to have been considering to Fulham and Aston Villa for coaching jobs.









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Spain toppled by never say die Lithuanians

IZMIR (AFP) - While most eyes were on Greece's match with bitter historical rivals Turkey on Tuesday, the real excitement was taking place in Group D with Lithuania rallying from an 18 point deficit to beat Spain 76-73.

Down 64-55 at the beginning of the final quarter, Jonas Maciulis (13 points) turned the tempo with two steals leading to two massive dunks.

The momentum continued to build with Lithuania tying the score twice (66-66, 71-71) before Linas Kleiza (17 points 8 rebounds) finally claimed the lead for the Lithuanians with 21.2 seconds remaining, leading to scenes of jubilation in Halkapinar Arena.

They would not let the lead slip, pulling off the unlikeliest of victories.

The game against Greece was the game all Turkish fans had been waiting for, with their team able to deliver upsetting the Greeks 76-65 on the back of an inspired perfrom formance Ersan Ilyasova who top-scored for the Turks with 26 points.

Earlier in the day Russia were made to fight hard for their victory over the Ivory Coast, winning by just 6 points, 72-66. Evgeny Voronov was top scorer for the Russians with 19.

After the game Russian coach, David Blatt who yesterday announced this will be his last tournament in charge admitted his team is under strength here in Turkey.

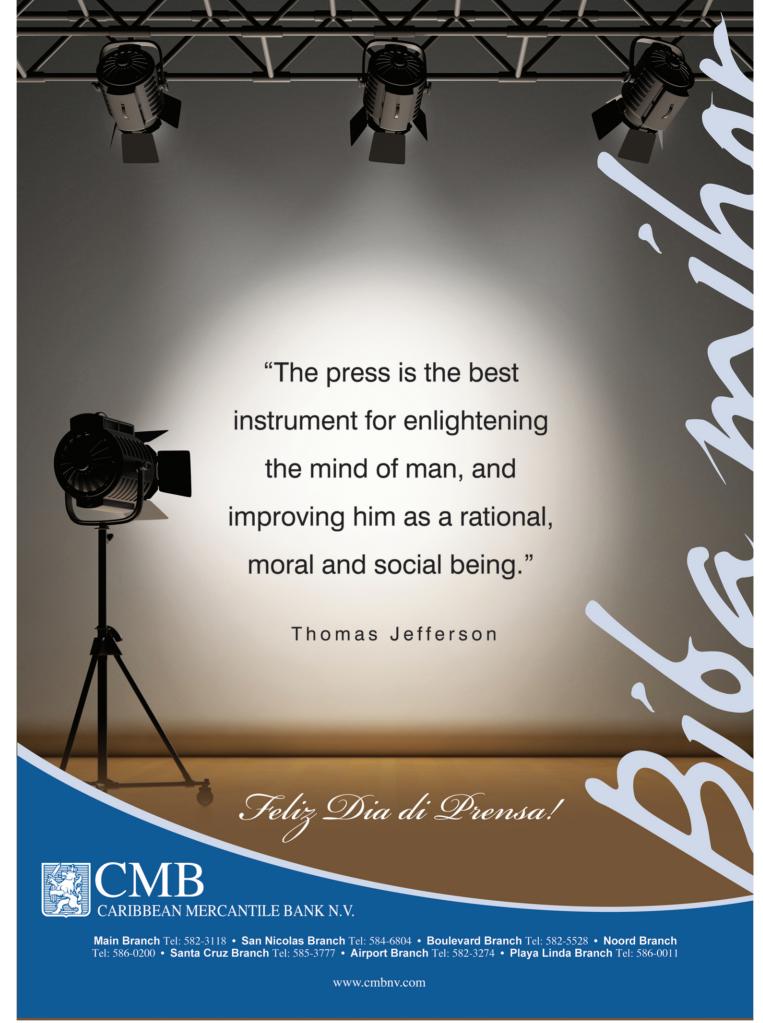
In the only other Group C match a poor rebounding effort from China, grabbing just 29 compared to Puerto Rico's 44, would again prove costly as the Puerto Ricans pulled out to an eventual 84-76 victory.

Jianlian Yi again carried China with 24 points, while Vassallo top-scored with 22 for Puerto Rico.

Earlier in the day New Zealand started group D action, needing to beat Lebanon to have any realistic chance of moving through to the round of 16.

The game held extra sigificance with former New Zealand coach Tab Baldwin coming up against his former side for the first time.

The second game of the day in Group D could not have been a bigger contrast to the first as the French struggled against a determined Canada, only claiming the lead late to win 68-63.



Robinho gets fresh start at AC Milan

ROME (AFP) - Brazilian star took over as manager last where he scored 14 goals in Robinho signed for Serie A season. giants AC Milan on Tuesday on a four-year contract for 15million euros from English Premier League side Manchester City where he had an unhappy two year spell.

The 26-year-old was a shock signing two years ago by City for 32.5million pounds but fell out of favour soon after Roberto Mancini

He was loaned out to Brazilian side Santos last January, but the Brazilian club were unable to come up with the money to make it a permanent transfer.

"I am really happy to be here," said Robinho, who won two league titles while at Real Madrid prior to his move to Manchester City

lish side.

"I am delighted to have been given this opportunity and I want to prove my worth.

"My ambition is to play well and to help Milan regain the scudetto (the title)," added Robinho, who was a much sought after target of Milan president Silvio Berlusconi.

Robinho, who had an im-41 appearances for the Eng- pressive World Cup finals scoring twice as Brazil exited in the quarter-finals at the hands of the Netherlands, is the second big name signing by Milan in the last few days after taking Swedish striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic on a one year loan from Barcelona with the option to make it a permanent move at the end of that spell for 24million euros.